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**SUU's ART INSIGHTS TO HOST  
GRAPHIC DESIGN, FILM AND MIXED MEDIA ARTIST  
DAVE RICHARDSON  
NOVEMBER 20, 2014**

**Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah:** A gifted and unique mixed media artist, Dave Richardson blends typography, graphics and film to create art that often speaks for itself. Richardson's skills as a visual artist will be showcased as featured guest at **SUU's Department of Art & Design's** weekly series, **Art Insights**. At this presentation, he will be sharing his techniques and experience with students. The presentation will take place in the Sterling Church Auditorium , **SUU's Sharwan Smith Center on Thursday, November 20, 2014, at 7pm. Admission is free and the general public is invited to attend.**

A designer and educator, **Dave Richardson** focuses on graphic design and typography in print and in motion/interactive media. He teaches interactive and motion graphics at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois. Selected recent clients include the Indiana University Foundation, Monroe Humane, Spokane Public Radio, and Sleeping Dogs Studio. His personal creative work centers on original narratives realized in motion space, and his video-poems have been curated into national and international film festivals. For an overview of Richardson's art, please visit his website at [rockyhillstudio.com](http://rockyhillstudio.com)

Fascinated by the process of renovating a rural farmhouse in Indiana, Richardson has shared the experience as "Cultivating Astonishment" on his website. "This site began as a way to share images of the process of renovating an old house in Indiana, and then when it was time to retire an older graphic design URL, I folded these two areas together: renovating and graphic design. And it makes sense to me because it's all about being engaged in the process of design throughout the days — whether it's the old house we are working on, or it's a graphic design project for a client, or a new video poem in progress. I truly believe that it's about loving the inherent interesting forms of things, and getting your hands dirty throughout the process of making, and being open to showing the process, rough drafts, sketches,

mistakes, and successes along the way....The process of discovery is what matters most, and the first step involves cultivating a certain astonishment with the world as it is, as Milton Glaser reminds us. A general attitude that says, ‘Look at this. Holy crap. Here we are. Isn’t this interesting?’”

**Art Insights** is a weekly program hosted during the fall and spring semesters by SUU’s Art and Design faculty. Students and community members meet to experience presentations and discussions by visiting artists and art educators from around the nation who share their work and insights and attend gallery openings. Admission is free, and the general public is invited to attend. This installment of Art Insights is a perfect opportunity for southern Utah artists and residents to learn from a unique artist that is actively immersed in our beautiful, intermountain landscape.

#### **ABOUT THE COLLEGE**

Southern Utah University’s College of Performing and Visual Arts is home to nationally-accredited departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts, and Dance. The College offers 17 degrees, including liberal arts Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science, professional Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Fine Arts in art and theatre, and Arts Administration Master of Arts and Master of Fine Arts. It houses the Center for Shakespeare Studies, which offers a degree minor. More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff teach and mentor over 550 arts majors. Over 1100 students enroll each year in more than 195 arts classes. The College presents 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions annually. Its affiliate organizations include the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, American Folk Ballet, Utah Shakespeare Festival, and the SUU Ballroom Dance Company. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, contact the Office of the Dean (435) 865-8561, or by e-mail at [cpvamktg@suu.edu](mailto:cpvamktg@suu.edu).

#### **FOR CALENDAR EDITORS: *Art Insights* Presents Dave Richardson, Mixed Media Artist**

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- WHO:** Art Insights, Southern Utah University, Department of Art and Design
- WHEN:** Thursday, November 20, 2014
- TIME:** 7pm
- WHERE:** Sterling Church Auditorium, Sharwan Smith Center, Southern Utah University, Cedar City, UT
- INFO:** Visit: [www.suu.edu/pva/arts](http://www.suu.edu/pva/arts)
- PRICES:** Free Admission and the General Public is encouraged to attend.